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SUBJ: PRESIDENT MAKARIOS PROPOSES VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: NICOSIA 1247

1. CHARGE WAS CALLED TO MFA APRIL 8 BY DIRGEN PELAGHIAS TO DISCUSS REACTION OF USG TO POSSIBLE VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY PRESIDENT MAKARIOS LATER THIS MONTH AND MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. PELAGHIAS RECALLED APRIL 3 CONVERSATION (REFTEL) AND SAID THAT HIS BEATITUDE LOOKS WITH FAVOR UPON STOPOVER IN WASHINGTON DURING OR JUST FOLLOWING COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN KINGSTON APRIL 29-MAY 2. PELAGHIAS SAID HIS BEATITUDE BELIEVES THAT MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD BE "USEFUL" IN THE CONTEXT OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ANKARA AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE.

2. PELAGHIAS SAID THAT MAKARIOS WILL ARRIVE IN KINGSTON APRIL 27, BE PRESENT FOR OPENING CEREMONIES APRIL 29, AND MAKE PRONOUNCEMENT ON CYPRUS QUESTION. AFTER THAT, MAKARIOS' SCHEDULE WILL BE FLEXIBLE. HE IS CONSIDERING COMING TO WASHINGTON TO PRESIDE OVER GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES AT A GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND THEN PERHAPS GO TO NEW YORK FOR EASTER SUNDAY. IF THE
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SECRETARY WOULD BE FREE TO SEE HIM, THE MOST CONVENIENT

DAYS WOULD BE THURSDAY, FRIDAY OR SATURDAY MORNING,
MAY 1, 2 AND 3 RESPECTIVELY.

3. CHARGE RECEIVED PROPOSAL WITHOUT COMMENT AND PROMISED
TO COMMUNICATE IT TO WASHINGTON AT ONCE.

4. COMMENT: JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR ANKARA CONSULTATIONS,
AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD SPOKE BRIEFLY BY PHONE WITH PELAGHIAS ON
THIS SUBJECT AND LIKEWISE REFRAINED FROM COMMENT. EMBASSY'S
OPINION, FORMED SINCE THE ORIGINAL GENTLE PROBE OF APRIL 3,
IS THAT FROM THE CYPRUS VANTAGE POINT MEETING BETWEEN MAKARIOS
AND THE SECRETARY HAS SOME MERIT. AT THE LEAST, IT WILL KEEP
THE SECRETARY IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH THE MAJOR FIGURE ON THE
ISLAND AND GIVE SENSE OF CONTINUED USG INTEREST IN PLAYING
CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN FINDING SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM.
END COMMENT.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE.
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